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Dear Ms. Hesse:


Protecting the best interests of business and consumers, as I understand the law, is the purpose of antitrust law and court actions. As *U.S. v. Microsoft Corporation* has moved along in its winding four-year path through the federal courts system, I think it is interesting that the court has not established that consumers were harmed by Microsoft's policies and decisions.

What has mattered in court process has been Microsoft's relationship with its marketplace competitors, and I question whether Microsoft's actions were inappropriate when considering the predatory and pressurized nature of competition between companies striving to get ahead in information technologies. It's a tough business.

It is my hope that this case ends soon, so that one of our nation's most important corporations is allowed to continue serving the quickly shifting needs of consumers with the most versatile and reliable line of software for business and home use. It is remarkable that, despite being sidetracked in the courts for the past four years or more, Microsoft Corporation remains a vibrant force in our national economy. Considering that our economy needs all the help it can within the private sector, we need Microsoft back in the ring putting its full energies into its research and development to keep American information technologies development ahead in the world.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

Sincerely,



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